

INFORMATION ON VEHICLE DONATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO GUATEMALA 2010

The donor organization in the United States that would like to make a vehicular donation should contact a non-profit institution, association or foundation in Guatemala (usually churches, social work, etc.) that are exempt from Guatemalan import tax called "Impuesto del Valor Agregado -IVA-" before arriving in Guatemala. The organization in Guatemala has to be properly established and registered in order to benefit from the donation. Permission is granted on a case-by-case basis by Guatemalan Customs. Duties on the vehicle are normally based on the year, model and other factors of the imported vehicle. An individual from the organization will have to be present at the border upon arrival of the vehicle to take charge of the vehicle.

The U.S. organization must bring the original property documents of the vehicle to establish ownership and will have to sign a document in front of a Guatemalan lawyer stating that the vehicle is a donation after entry.

For further information in Guatemala you may contact:

Licenciado Erick Ochoa Privilegios Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Tel. (502)2410-0000 Ext. 3025 09:00 - 16:00 Hrs.